President of India on board, had to return to Delhi as its right hand wing landing gear door did not close on landing gear retraction. The aircraft landed safely at Delhi airport.

Investigation into the incident, conducted by Directorate General of Civil Aviation revealed that improper rigging in cable control of alternate extenson system of right under carriage was responsible for the incident.

International Airport at Jaipur

287. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently given clearance to the proposal of Rajasthan Government to bulid an international airport at Jaipur;

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to start;

(c) the approximate cost of the project; and

(d) what is the share of the Central Goverment in the cost of this project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

भुज-बम्बई के बीच दैनिक विमान सेवा का बहाल किया जाना

288. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भुज के निवासियों और कच्छ वाणिज्य मंडल द्वारा भुज और बम्बई के बीच सीधी दैनिक विमान सेवा बहाल करने की लगातार मांग की जाती रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या भुज-बम्बई विमान सेवा को दैनिक विमान सेवा के रूप में बदलने की बजाय बरास्ता राजकोट एकान्तर दिवसीय विमान सेवा शुरू कर दी गई है; और

(ग) इसे दैनिक विमान सेवा के रूप में बदले जाने के प्रमुख कारण क्या हैं और मन्त्रालय को इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Reduction in tariffs by foreign airlines

289. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some leading Airlines operating to and from India have requested the Civil Aviation authorities to permit them to reduce/cut their tariffs from India to destinations abroad; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special/discounted fares filed by several airlines including British Airways, Lufthansa, Air India, Air Canada, KLM, Tower Air & Air France on their 3rd/4th freedom traffic have been approved.

Resignation of Pilots from IA and AI

290. SHRI S. MUTHU MALAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of pilots who have resigned from Indian Airlines and Air India as on date, from the date of private Airlines started its operations;

(b) whether it is a fact that every import of Aircraft by the private Airlines costs the Indian Airlines about 7 to 10 pilots;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to shortage of pilots, Indian Airlines and Air India had to cancel its schedules flights; and

(d) if so, what steps Government would intimate to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Air Taxi operations commenced in 1990. Since that time, upto October, 1994, 15 Air India pilots have resigned. In the case of Indian Airlines 146 pilots have resigned.

(b) It is difficult to quantify the co-relation between resignation of pilots with import of aircraft by private airlines.

(c) Indian Airlines had to cancel 287 Scheduled flights during the period January-October, 1994 due to non availability of Crew.

(d) The following steps have been taken to check the exodus of Pilots from Indian Airlines:

—Director General of Civil Aviation has directed all Air Taxi Operators in the country not to employ any employee of the national carriers without a 'No Objection Certificate' from the employer.

—As per amended services regulations of Indian Airlines an employee can resign from the service of the company only after giving six months notice in writing, and the provision for depositing pay in lieu if notice has been withdrawn.

—A trainee pilot has to executive a bond for Rs 10 lakhs to serve the company for a minimum of 10 years, after initial training and 10 years after every conversion/endorsement.

—Two settlement—one on Flight duty Time Limitations and the other on Productivity linked payments have been signed with 'Indian Commercial Pilots' Association, by which the emoluments of pilots have been increased in reurn for increased flying hours.

—Number of Examiners, Instructors and Check Pilots has been increased.

—Detailed training programme for pilots has been drawn up for achiveing 2600 hrs. utilisation of A 300 and A 320 aircrafts and 2000 hrs. for B 737 aircraft.

—Training pattern for pilots has been revised.

—Flight and Duty Time Limitation has been increased from 65 hours to 80 hour in respect of pilots.

Conversion of historical buildings into heritage hotels

291. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to convert some historical buildings into heritage hotels;

(b) if so, the number of such buildings classified as heritage hotles so far, and

(c) the estimated increase in the number of tourists likely to take place and the estimated additional foreign exchage likely to be earned as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government has introduced a voluntary scheme where by buildings constructed prior to 1950 such as